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Between about 0.01 units to about 1 unit of botulinum toxin is injected directly into the wall of the artery in the area of the blockage. Following injection, the artery is allowed to dilate. A 3-millimeter compliant balloon catheter and stent are then inserted into the interosseous artery of the patient through the wrist area. The catheter and stent are then fed through the interosseous artery to the area of blockage. A guide wire is advanced to the location of the blocked artery, and the catheter and stent are passed along the guide wire into the target area of coronary blockage. When the catheter reaches the target area, the balloon is inflated and the stent is correspondingly expanded bracing open the artery. The balloon is deflated and removed leaving in place the expanded stent. There is no sign of damage to the artery.

Six months after the procedure there is no sign of restenosis and the patient appears in good health.

Example 3

Use of Botulinum Toxin in Balloon Angioplasty With a Stent to Treat an Advanced Case of Restenosis

A 49 year old male patient is diagnosed with coronary arterial blockage as a result of restenosis. The patient has a history of coronary arterial blockage and has previously undergone a balloon angioplasty procedure. Six months after the procedure, the patient is diagnosed with an advanced case of restenosis.

The patient undergoes a percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty procedure in which botulinum toxin type A, B, C, D, ~~E~~, F and/or G is used. Between about 0.1 units and about 4 units of botulinum toxin is injected into the wall of the blood vessel in the